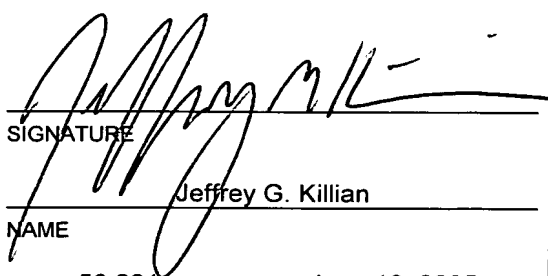


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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>			U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/538643</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2003/015866	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE December 11, 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED December 12, 2002	
TITLE OF INVENTION  LIQUID FILLING METHOD AND APPARATUS			
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Ichiro TAKEDA, Kenichi TSUKANO, Katsunori TANIKAWA, and Masaaki EDA			
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:			
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission to items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (22) indicated below. 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).			
Items 11 to 21 below concern document(s) or information included:			
11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <u>Comparison Document; Annotated and Replacement Sheets for Figures 2-3, International Search Report, Verification of Translation</u> _____ _____ _____ _____			

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<p>21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: <u>SUNTORY LIMITED, Osaka, Japan</u></p> <p>22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="4">Basic Filing Fee (1631)</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">\$ 300.00</td> <td style="width: 20%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">           Surcharge of <b>\$130.00 (1617)</b> for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).         </td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 0.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">CLAIMS</td> <td style="text-align: center;">NUMBER FILED</td> <td style="text-align: center;">NUMBER EXTRA</td> <td style="text-align: center;">RATE</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Claims</td> <td style="text-align: center;">32</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-20 =</td> <td style="text-align: center;">12</td> <td style="text-align: center;">x \$50.00 (1615)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 600.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent Claims</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-3 =</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">x \$200.00 (1614)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">+ \$360.00 (1616)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Examination Fee</td> <td style="text-align: center;">+ \$200.00 (1633)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Search Fee</td> <td style="text-align: center;">+ \$400.00 (1432)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 400.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">App. Size Fee (add \$250.00 for each add'l 50 sheets exceeding 100 sheets)</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5" style="text-align: right;">TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 1,700.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5"> <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. 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A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Charge _____ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p> <p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</p> <p>Burns, Doane, Swecker &amp; Mathis, L.L.P.  P.O. Box 1404  Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404  (703) 836-6620</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">   SIGNATURE  NAME  Jeffrey G. 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